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Application of: Farina et al Docket: MN-9091A

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Title: Reagent Container and Canister For Use  
In An Automated Microbiological Analyzer

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated May 28, 2004, in which claims 1 and 3-11 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry of the attached Affidavits as they believed to put the case in condition for allowance. In the alternative, it is believed to put the case in better form for appeal. Reconsideration of the now claimed invention is respectfully requested and the following submitted in support thereof.